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For: COMPRESSOR HAVING A DISCHARGE VALVE MECHANISM INCLUDING A VALVE RETAINER HAVING A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED CURVED SURFACE))))

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected on page 5 of this paper and the attached drawing sheets.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 6 of this paper.

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